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Councilmember Bob Dorsey (right) listens to a point made by Rockville resident David Cahoon at the Mayor and Council's Citizens Summit.

Mayor, Council Go to People

During the Mayor and Council election campaign of 2001, the candidates aggressively sought out citizens, sharing ideas on Rockville's past and views of the City's future. That concept was not abandoned as the new Mayor and Council shape their priorities for the coming year.

Since November, returning incumbent Councilmembers Bob Dorsey and Anne Robbins, and first-term Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers John Hall and Susan Hoffmann, have been highly-visible attendees — as speakers and listeners — at many regular meetings of the City's 52 independent neighborhood associations.

Taking these efforts to another innovative step, on Feb. 20 the Mayor and Council called a Citizens Summit to help prioritize the City's most urgent needs. About 50 citizens representing all parts of Rockville met in an informal setting at Glenview Mansion.

The Mayor and Council will soon formally announce their major priorities. However, a consensus on the City's top needs gravitated toward revitalization of Town Center; continued efforts to improve pedestrian safety; strengthening neighborhoods; and re-evaluation of Rockville's campaign process.

"By continuing to meet with people representing the vast diversity of the City, we have been able to work toward developing a set of initiatives that meets the priorities of the citizens," said Mayor Giammo.

Among the many association meetings the Mayor and Council have attended to exchange ideas was a March 6 meeting of the West End Citizens Association.

"Everyone appreciates that they came out and participated," said Bob Bolcik, President of the West End Citizens Association. "I think everyone is excited that we can discuss issues important to us face-to-face with the Mayor and Council. I wanted to talk to George Bush many times in the same manner, but we can't get him to come to our meetings." ❖

Senior Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary on April 18

Finding a place for senior citizen clubs to meet in Rockville was not always easy, recalls Estelle Berberian, a 98-year old resident who has been a member of the Rockville Senior Center since it first opened 20 years ago.

"The first place we met was Lit's Department Store," she recalled. "We had a nice meeting there but a few days later the store closed and we had to move. We met at the Pump House on Horners Lane a few times, but we only had one room and the pump equipment took up a lot of space."

When the lease became available on the former Woodley Gardens School on 1150 Carnation Drive, Berberian — along with a group of nearly 100 seniors and community members — spent hours cleaning the vacant school to prepare for its grand opening dedication on April 18, 1982.

Two decades years later, the Senior Center is a focal point for senior services, with a membership of almost 1,700 and an impressive list of programs and services. It has become a model for senior centers around the state.

On Thursday, April 18, the Rockville Senior Center will commemorate its 20th anniversary. The public is invited to attend the free celebration that will begin in the Carnation Room at 1 p.m. The event will feature guest speakers, entertainment, refreshments and a chance to tour various displays at the center.

Over the years the center has blossomed

from a meeting place to a nurturing community that takes care of most any need a senior citizen has. The center offers language and citizenship programs, health screening services, an exercise room, legal assistance, weekly dinners and monthly birthday parties. The long list of activities offered includes art, recreation, technology, health and cultural programs, as well as day trips and vacation journeys. Homebound seniors are assisted by Outreach staff who help identify needs and match seniors with available community services and resources.

"It took a lot of elbow grease to get the senior center where it is today," said Jill Hall, Supervisor of the Senior Center. "The true strength of the center lies in the commitment of the volunteers and the members. For many seniors, we have become their second home and family."

More than a quarter of senior center members are 80 years or older and 32 people — including Berberian — have been members since the ribbon was first cut 20 years ago.

As for her fondest Senior Center memories, Berberian finds one of the simplest activities a very important one.

"The Tuesday night suppers every week are wonderful," she said. "If it wasn't for the center, many of us would be eating alone."

To register to attend the Senior Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration, call 301-309-3025. ❖

Nature Center Grand Opening!

Join Rockville as the Croydon Creek Nature Center celebrates its grand opening on Sunday, April 21. Most appropriately, that is Earth Day 2002.

The 8,000-square-foot center, located in Rockville Civic Center Park, is home to a variety of animals that are native to Maryland, such as turtles, birds, snakes and a variety of other wildlife. Throughout the year, the Nature Center will host instructional programs, displays and special events designed to highlight the importance of protecting natural resources.

The center will be open to school groups, scout troops and the general public.

What: Grand opening festivities will include a scavenger hunt, face painting, stream clean-up, make your own bird house and a chance to meet the many animals that will call the Nature Center home. The Mad Science organization will have an array of hands-on science experiments. All festivities are free.

When: Sunday, April 21, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Where: The Nature Center, located in Rockville Civic Center Park, behind the tennis courts and Glenview Mansion amidst a beautiful preserved forest. ❖

CALL **301-545-5691** FOR MORE INFO



A Capital Day... The Mayor and Council led a delegation of City staff to the annual Rockville Day in Annapolis event on Feb. 20. The City used the opportunity to introduce State Legislators from around the state to Rockville's programs, including the plans for a revitalized Town Center. One State Senator already well-familiar with the City was District 17's Jennie Forehand, with Mayor Larry Giammo, left. Also in attendance were District 17 Delegates Kumar P. Barve, Michael R. Gordon and Cheryl C. Kagan. For more on Rockville Day in Annapolis, see Page 3.

Calendar of Events

City Events

7 Free Sunday Afternoon Concert.

George and Marilyn Minter perform classics. 2 p.m.

Glenview Mansion, 1st floor Conservatory. Free.

7-30 "Textiles – New Work" and "Ceremonial Pieces & Totems" Mixed Media Art Display.

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Free. Call 301-309-3354 for more information and gallery times.

12 Parent's Night

Out. Drop off the kids at Twinbrook Community Rec Center. 6-9 p.m. Food and supervised activities for school-aged children. \$5 per child. Register by April 5. Call 301-315-5760.

13 Children's Flea

Market. Sell gently-used children's items. 9 a.m.-12 noon. Twinbrook Community Rec Center. Call 301-315-5760.

13,14 Rockville Civic Ballet presents

Swan Lake. April 13, 7:30 p.m. April 14, 2:30 p.m. \$7 general admission. \$5 seniors and children. Group rates available. Call 301-545-5660.

15-25 Internet

Marketing Class. Every Monday and Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. For ages 39-59. Fee \$195. Register by March 30. Call 301-309-3025.

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18 Senior Center's 20th Anniversary. 1-3 p.m. Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Free. Call 301-309-3025.

21 Nature Center Grand Opening. 1-5 p.m. Civic Center Park, behind the Glenview Mansion. Activities for children of all ages. Free. Call 301-545-5691.

21 10-mile Bike Ride through Rockville to Kick Off Nature Center Grand Opening. 12:30 p.m. Start Time. Meet at City Hall parking lot. Call 301-315-5796.

27 Off-Leash Testing. Certification for dogs to walk without a leash. 10 a.m. Middle Lane parking lot. Call 301-309-3115 to register.

28 Rockville Concert Band. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. For further information call 301-309-3025.

3 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

9 Funeral Planning. 10:15 a.m.

15-26 Internet & e-mail. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Activity #3879. \$60.

16 Steps to Heart Health. 1 p.m.

17 Update on Macular Degeneration. 11:30 a.m. **Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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27 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

For Teens

The Civiteen Club is for teens with learning disabilities. Activities help promote the positive development of life skills. For more information, call 301-309-3345 or see the Spring Recreation Guide.

3 Teen Club Spring Break Horseback Riding Trip. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$28 members. \$31 non-members.

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

HUNGERFORD

Dawson Farm Park • Will replace wooden bridge and reconstruct granary • granary and bridge design underway in spring • projected completion fall 2002 • public input will be incorporated into design

MONTROSE

Montrose Community Center • Will be closed beginning April 1 for modernization • improvements include a new roof, windows and additional storage space • will re-open in summer 2002

GENERAL PROJECTS

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Install period lighting • relocation of mature box-woods and additional landscaping scheduled for spring

Croydon Creek Nature Center • Grand Opening celebration April 21, 1-5 p.m.

Croydon Creek Pedestrian Bridge • Wooden bridge at the end of Avery Road over Croydon Creek to be replaced • securing permits • completion in summer

Energy Study • Johnson Controls awarded contract for Phase I energy study that began in winter 2001-02 • Phase II to begin in fall/winter 2002-03

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • under design • separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Avenue and Nelson Street bikeways • construction scheduled for spring 2003 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design • public meeting scheduled for May 15

Isreal Park Shelter Improvement • Aged shelter to be replaced • in design stage

Millennium Trail • Norbeck Road multi-use path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill

Road in design, construction scheduled for 2002-03 • resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for 2002 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

Rockville Senior Center • Expand dining room • soundproof card and computer rooms • currently planning to renovate kitchen • construction in winter 2003

Swim Center • Remove ceramic tiles on the deck surface ramp and bridge areas of the outdoor recreation and deck surface of the tot pool • high traffic areas will get nonskid surfacing • install drain system in tot pool • install handrails on all outdoor ramp areas • scheduled for spring

Wootton Parkway Landscape • Enhancements to be made to landscaping on Wootton Parkway between Route 355 and Falls Road • project is out to bid

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

TOWN CENTER

Maryland Avenue Extension • Roadway alignment analysis has been completed on extending Maryland Avenue from Middle Lane to Beall Avenue • work is underway to assess the extension north to a new Dawson Street extension • surveying underway of entire block between Washington Street and Maryland Route 355, from Beall Avenue to Middle Lane

WEST END

Brick sidewalks • Forest Street and Laird Street installation scheduled for June/July

GENERAL PROJECTS

Baltimore Road • Bike path upgrade from Gladstone to Twinbrook Parkway has been designed • construction contract awarded to Merit Contractors, Inc., of Fairfax • construction is expected to begin this spring and be completed by July

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Planned for spring • intersections include Great Falls Road at Maryland Route 28; Maryland Route 355 at Maryland Route 28 and at Maryland Route 586; Twinbrook Parkway at Chapman Avenue; and Maryland Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street

Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include Gude Drive and Research Boulevard; Gude Drive and Gaither Road; I-270 and Shady Grove Road; I-270, Maryland Route 28 and Nelson Street; West Montgomery Avenue and Gude Drive; West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road; and Shady Grove and Research Boulevard • construction to begin in early 2002 on Wootton/Glen Mill and Wootton/Scott Drive intersections

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing stormwater management • construction to start in May

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue

Talbott Water Tank • Repairs and installation of cathodic protection started in March

Water Main Work • Improve water distribution system and fire flows on Chapman Avenue • scheduled for summer 2002

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements • intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road • Glen Mill Road will stop at Wootton Parkway • modifications will occur by July

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO



Spring Leaf Collection To Run April 1-12

Spring is just around the corner and it is already time to start sprucing up the yard. Rockville's annual spring leaf collection, which will run from April 1-12, is here to help.

The day before the scheduled collection, rake the leaves into the gutter or immediately adjacent to the pavement, where no curb or gutter exists. Only leaves will be collected. Remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected. ❁

CALL **301-309-3094** FOR MORE INFO

- AREA 1** – April 1 and 2
- AREA 2** – April 3 and 4
- AREA 3** – April 5 and 8
- AREA 4** – April 9 and 10
- AREA 5** – April 11 and 12





Rocking Annapolis

Rockville's Mayor and Council went to Annapolis on Feb. 20 in an effort to help make legislators from around the state familiar with Rockville and the City's future plans. In particular, this year's version of Rockville Day in Annapolis focused on Rockville's plans to revitalize Town Center. Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Susan Hoffmann and Anne Robbins, along with members of the City staff, explained Rockville's ideas on creating a vibrant downtown—and asked for the State's future support for the project.

Making the case for Rockville were, left to right: Mayor Giammo with State Senator Ida G. Ruben (District 20, Silver Spring); Councilmember Hoffmann with Delegate Gail H. Bates (District 14, Clarksville); and Councilmember Robbins with Delegate Joan F. Stern (District 39, Montgomery Village).

In Brief

Bike Ride to Help Kids

Enjoy a leisurely bike ride through Rockville on Sunday, May 26, and help raise money for youth programs in Rockville. Choose from a planned six-mile or 20-mile route. Your ride can begin any time between 9 – 11 a.m. at the PedalFest site at the annual Hometown Holidays festivities in Town Center.

Registration is \$18 for adults and \$12 for children who register before May 10. Registration forms can be obtained at City Hall, or from www.ci.rockville.md.us.

CALL **301-309-3182** FOR MORE INFO

Neighborhood Planning

The neighborhood plans for the Lincoln Park and East Rockville neighborhoods are being updated this year. The planning processes will include opportunities for public input, beginning this spring.

CALL **301-309-3244** FOR MORE INFO

Path Temporarily Closed

In order to reduce erosion and improve downstream water quality, the City plans to convert an existing stormwater management pond near Mount Vernon Place to a shallow marsh and will construct a new pond adjacent to Richard Montgomery High School. To coordinate these two projects, the footpath between Mount Vernon Place and Fleet Street will be closed for construction from May to November so the sewer that runs beneath the path can be enlarged.

CALL **301-315-6507** FOR MORE INFO

Free Tax Assistance

The City of Rockville, the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program are offering free income tax preparation for low-to-moderate income City residents, by appointment, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., on Tuesdays through April 9 and on Monday, April 15.

CALL **301-315-6507** FOR MORE INFO

Hometown Holidays

The City of Rockville's Hometown Holidays festivities will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27. The three-day event traditionally draws 80,000 people.

And as if concerts, rides, food, art and a "Tribute to American Heroes" parade was not enough to make the celebration complete, a NASA space exhibit is coming to Hometown Holidays via trailer. The Johnson Space Center's semi-trailer exhibit will feature two sections and can accommodate up to 60 people at a time.

The NASA exhibit will feature audio and video presentations that stimulate about a dozen space program spinoffs. The adjacent surround-sound theatre will show a 10-minute video on the space program. Stay tuned for more exciting news about this year's Hometown Holidays festivities.

CALL **301-309-3337** FOR MORE INFO

Kite Fest/Egg-stravaganza

Kick-off spring in Rockville with two events held on Saturday, March 30, in Civic Center Park at 603 Edmonston Drive.

The annual Egg-stravaganza will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The event will feature prizes, a bunny trail maze, bunny egg toss, egg hunt and more. Peter Cottontail will be in attendance to pose for pictures. The event is open to Rockville residents ages 1-9.

Rockville's fourth annual Kite Fest will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will feature giveaways, kite-making, a "kite hospital," face painting, a free fly area, a moonbounce and more.

CALL **301-309-3337** FOR MORE INFO

Dates Open at Glenview

Policies on reserving the Glenview Mansion for private events, such as weddings and corporate meetings, have changed. Residents may now book the mansion up to 18 months in advance. (Non-residents may book up to 15 months in advance.)

The 2002 calendar still has some prime dates available.

CALL **301-309-3001** FOR MORE INFO

The Rockville Scholarship

The Rockville Scholarship Foundation is accepting applications for its 2002 program. Applicants must either be a resident of the City of Rockville; attend a Rockville High School or be enrolled at Montgomery College's Rockville campus; a member (or child of a member) of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce; or an employee (or child of an employee) of the City of Rockville. Scholarship monies can be used for educational expenses at any two-or four-year college, vocational school or trade school.

CALL **301-424-9300** FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

El Centro para Ancianos de Rockville celebra sus 20 años

Se invita al público a asistir a este festejo de entrada libre que empezará el 19 de abril a la 1 de la tarde en el salón Carnation. El programa incluye charlas a cargo de personalidades invitadas, entretenimientos, refrescos y visitas a las distintas muestras exhibidas en todo el centro. A lo largo del año, el Centro ofrece programas de enseñanza de idiomas y de preparación para el examen de ciudadanía, servicios de salud, diferentes programas de arte y recreación, y muchas otras actividades. Para asistir a la celebración, se ruega inscribirse llamando al 301-309-3025. El Centro para Ancianos de Rockville está ubicado en 1150 Carnation Drive.



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5 Teen Club Paint Ball Trip. 3-10 p.m. High school students only. \$18 members. \$21 non-members.

10 Teen Club Go-Carting Trip. 12:15-5:30 p.m. \$20 members. \$23 non-members.

12 Teen Club Dance. Grades 7 and 8. 7:30-10 p.m. Robert Frost Middle School gym.

14 Civiteens Trip to Baltimore Zoo. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25. For members only.

21 Civiteens Trip: Spirit of Washington Cruise. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45. For members only.

26 Teen Club Dance. Grade 6. 7:30-10 p.m. Robert Frost Middle School gym.

27 Civiteens Trip: Harmon's Hayride. 5:30-10 p.m. \$25. For members only.

27 Diversity Leadership Workshop. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free for all students who attend a Rockville High School or Montgomery College. Register by April 1. Call 301-309-3308.

Nature Center

Reservations are required. See the City Web site or the Spring Recreation Guide for details. For more information call 301-545-5691.

1-5 Spring Break Nature Adventures listed below, will run from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Each event is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Open to children ages 7-13.

1 Fur Fins and Feathers

2 Visit to the Horizon Organic Dairy Farm

3 All About Rainforests

4 Heavens Above! A Planetarium Visit

5 The Science of Nature

11 Under the Ocean. 2-3 p.m. \$4 residents. \$5 non-residents. Ages 4 and up.

26 Full Moon Hike. 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$3 residents. \$4 non-residents. All ages.



April Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS Mayor & Council Live

April 8, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
April 15, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
(if needed)
April 22, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Budget Public
Hearing No. 1

Meeting Replays

Monday, 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

**Mayor & Council
Roundtable** (tentative)
Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

City Manager's Budget Presentation

(Begins April 10)
Wed.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m., 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 11 p.m.

Watts Branch Watershed Study

Wed.-Fri., 9:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 1:30 p.m.

Trees in Rockville

Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.
Sun.-Tues., 11 p.m.

Nature Center

Sat., Sun., 7 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Daily, 7 p.m.

African American Heritage From Acorn to Oak: Our Children, Our Future (Begins April 12)

Mon., Tues., 9 a.m.
Sat., Sun., 1 p.m.
Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for General Sessions on Feb.25 and March 11.

On Feb. 25 the Mayor and Council:

- Awarded bid of \$57,864 to Xerox Corp. to replace a City Hall copy machine.
- Awarded bid of \$200,526 to Hunter Allied for Montrose Community Center renovations.
- Authorized Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) to enter into an agreement with developer Mid-City Urban to re-develop Lincoln Terrace Apartments in Lincoln Park Community.
- Discussed and instructed staff about abandoning a 25,227-square-foot right-of-way between Martha Terrace and Woodmont Country Club.
- Discussed and instructed staff to change the zoning of 710 West Montgomery Avenue to the Historic District.
- Discussed and instructed staff to change the zoning of 850 Hungerford Drive, the former George Washington Carver High School, to the Historic District.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding a code provision that allows off-street parking for a church or other place of worship on a separate lot.
- Eliminated the \$1 senior citizen shuttle bus fee.

On March 11, the Mayor and Council:

- Presented a certificate of appreciation to Estelle Berberian for her many years of service to the Senior Citizens Commission.
- Presented a check for \$2,522 from Fresh Fields to the Community Ministries of Rockville to benefit the Sophia House, a shelter for homeless women in Rockville.
- Awarded bid to Frederick Ward Associates Inc. for \$39,945 for design of the North Horners Lane Utilities Improvements.
- Awarded bid to Washington Gas Energy Services for \$160,650 for purchase of de-regulated natural gas.
- Awarded contract to A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Charles P. Johnson and Associates, URS Greiner Woodward Clyde Consultants, and Whitman, Requardt and Associates for not more than \$420,000 for water engineering services.
- Awarded contract to ProEd, Inc. for \$22,500 for four weeks of Betr World Science and Computer 2002 Summer Camps.
- Approved joint procurement contract to SLM Cable Inc. for \$25,000 install conduit and fiber optic cable at the City of Rockville Maintenance Facility.
- Approved \$95,810 purchase of golf cart fleet from retired golf pro Brooks Gerardi.
- Adopted ordinance to change the zoning of 710 West Montgomery Avenue, Mrs. Rickett's Cottage, to the Historic District.
- Adopted ordinance to grant street closing abandonment application for a 25,227 square foot right-of-way between Martha Terrace and the Woodmont Country Club.

Mayor and Council Meetings

- **April 8:** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- **April 15:** Public Hearing (if needed), 7:30 p.m.
- **April 22:** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- **April 29:** Public Budget Hearing, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). See the cable schedule on this page for more information.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office as drop in times are subject to change 301-309-3310.



John Hall

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in April are:

- April 8: **John Hall**
- April 15: **Susan Hoffmann** (if Public Hearing)
- April 22: **Anne Robbins**

- Adopted ordinance to appropriate funds and levy taxes for fiscal year 2002.
- Awarded bid for \$554,488 to NEC Business Network Solutions to install internal telephone system in 13 City facilities.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding zoning ordinance to permit parking in I-2 zoned land to support general office use in the I-3 zone under certain conditions.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding extension of Wootton I Permit Parking District to include Greenplace Terrace from Wootton Parkway to Trail House Court and the entire length of Duncan Branch Court; and also to include Hurley Ave. between Sherbrooke Way and Bouldercrest Court.
- Reopened public record on City Wide Master Plan until 5 p.m. on March 25, 2002.

Budget Dates

Here are some key dates in the FY2003 process:

- **April 8**City Manager's Budget Presentation
- **April 29**Public Hearing
- **May 6**Public Hearing
- **May 13**Worksession
- **May 20**Worksession
- **May 28**Worksession (if necessary)
- **June 10**Budget Adoption

Boards and Commissions April Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted

- April 3 (Wednesday)** Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- April 9 (Tuesday)**
Science, Technology and Environment Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- April 10 (Wednesday)**
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Bike Advisory Committee, 7:15 p.m.
Cultural Arts Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- April 16 (Tuesday)**
Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.
- April 17 (Wednesday)**
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- April 18 (Thursday)**
Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.
Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.
- April 24 (Wednesday)**
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- April 30 (Tuesday)**
Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7 p.m.

Lincoln Park Community An Innovative Approach to Home Ownership

Affording a new home in Rockville got a little easier on February 25 when the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to authorize Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) to enter into a contract with developer Mid-City Urban of Silver Spring. The contract will effectively redevelop Lincoln Terrace Apartments in the Lincoln Park community into a mixed income community of 60 new townhouses, duplexes and single family homes that will range in price from \$138,660 to \$204,700.



Although public housing has been a part of communities across America for nearly 60 years, the method used to redevelop Lincoln Terrace is particularly innovative because current plans call for no federal money to be used to replace the existing housing project or to relocate its residents.

It is anticipated that low-income homebuyers will be able to use a federal subsidy to help pay their mortgage. And if the county, state or federal government offers support for the project it will not be turned down, said Ed Duffy, Rockville's Community Development Program Manager.

"The money is coming from private resources, mainly Mid-City Urban and the local housing authority," said Duffy. "Because Rockville is an area where land is valuable, the land can provide capital to undertake the redevelopment project."

Added Mayor Larry Giammo: "A lot of eyes are watching this project. It will likely serve as a national model."

Mid-City Urban estimates construction will take 30 months to complete.